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Re: Application of Horry Telephone for Approval to Make Changes to Directory
Format
Docket No. 2005-284-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing to inform the Public Service Commission ("Commission") that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has consented to the Application filed by Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Horry") in the above-referenced docket.

On September 19, 2005, Horry filed an Application with the Commission requesting approval, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-631(J), to change the size of the font used in printing the white pages of the telephone directory so as to accommodate a shift in the layout from 3 columns to 4 columns. By way of letter dated September 26, 2005, Horry notified the Commission of its desire to reduce the font size from 9.5 points to 7 points, with no change in the font style. This change is designed to avoid heavy, unwieldy directories and to minimize the environmental impact of disposal.

On October 11, 2005, the Commission issued a notice of filing and set a return date of November 11, 2004, for Petitions to Intervene. As directed by the Commission, Horry timely caused to be published in a newspaper of general circulation the notice of filing, and provided proof of publication to the Commission. No Petitions, comments, or objections have been filed in this docket. ORS is a statutory party pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B), with a duty to represent the public interest as defined therein.

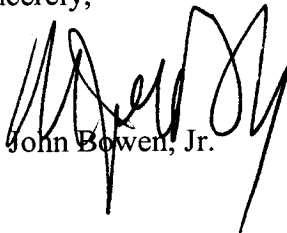
On October 11, 2005, ORS served a First Continuing Data Request upon Horry requesting additional information related to the Application, specifically expected publication savings and estimated savings associated with disposal of directories. In addition, ORS inquired as to whether Horry was formally requested by local governments to pursue conservation efforts associated with disposal and also requested a sample of the current and proposed print.

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Horry timely responded to the Request of ORS as follows: Although the proposed print reduction will have little effect upon the cost of disposal, a reduction would likely reduce the total page count and result in an annual cost savings to Horry of approximately \$13,500. In addition, Horry has partnered with the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, local schools, and other neighboring organizations for a number of years to promote recycling and conservation efforts, and the reduction in font size will result in reduced volumes to be recycled or processed by the County's solid waste program. Also, because not all directories are recycled, it is important to conservation efforts that the size and weight of the directories be held to a minimum. Finally, Horry provided to ORS a sample depicting the current and proposed print for the white pages directory.


ORS has reviewed the proposed Application and additional information submitted by Horry and, as a result of its review and consideration, and as indicated by its signature below, ORS has determined that Horry's reduction in font size of the white pages directory from 9.5 points to 7 points will not adversely affect the public interest and, further, will serve to benefit conservation efforts and minimize the environmental impact of disposal of the directories. Therefore, the Parties agree that, as between Horry and ORS, there are no disputed issues in this Docket, and recommend that the Commission approve Horry's Application as filed.

Sincerely,


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WE AGREE:

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